

Animal Welfare Committee Meeting Minutes  
City Hall, College Park  
August 27, 2015

<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Staff	Vivian Cooper		X (vacation)
2/28/2018	Taimi Anderson		X
4/30/2017	Suzie Bellamy	X	
5/26/2018	Nick Brennan	X	
7/31/2018	Lois Donaty	X	
6/30/2017	Betty Gailles	X	
2/28/2017	Patti Stange	X	
3/31/2016	Dave Turley	X	
3/31/2018	Christiane Williams		X
	Pat Noone	X	

Guests: Bob Ryan, Director of Public Service; Sheryl DeWalt, Contract Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Mr. Brennan.

1. The July 23, 2015 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Turley to accept the minutes. A second was given by Ms. Bellamy. All in favor; no opposed.
2. Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Mr. Brennan. There is a current balance of \$10,640.99. \$7.00 was received in donations at the Farmer's Market. Vet services expenditures to date totals \$324 and the current balance in animal control cost recovery is (\$575).
3. Shelter: Five adoptions, all cats, were done within the past month: Dewdrop, Jasmine, White, Blue and Olaf. There were several cats taken in to the shelter: Calypso, Vixen, Princess Fuzzy Butt, Elsa, Anna, Sir Emerald, Venus, Serena and Ms. Independence. Elsa and Anna were taken to Petco to put on display for adoption. Pretty (dog) is currently fostering with Chris Nagle, but a new foster home needs to be found immediately. Ms. Stange will continue with taking pets to Petco to seek adoptions for them.
4. The committee had a presence at the Hollywood Farmer's Market this past weekend. We received \$7 in donations. There was one gentleman who was interested in cats. Also this may be a volunteer opportunity for the foreign exchange students. The committee will also be present at the September Farmers Market in downtown College Park and Hollywood. Mr. Brennan will email the dates to the committee.
5. Volunteer Schedule for the Shelter for the month of September. Ms. Cooper will handle Fridays and AWC volunteers will handle Saturdays, Sundays, and City Holidays unless otherwise requested by Ms. Cooper. Ms. Stange volunteered for Saturdays. Ms. Donaty volunteered for

Sundays. Mr. Brennan volunteered for September 12 and 27. Ms. Noone volunteered for September 12 and 19. *[NB – with Ms. Noone’s resignation from the committee, another volunteer will be needed to cover her dates.]* The committee has asked for Ms. Cooper to communicate well in advance of days off/vacation so other members can cover the shelter. Ms. Gailes suggested that the floor needs to be cleaned every day and a new mop should be purchased. Ms. Bellamy will send out a revised schedule via email.

6. Mr. Brennan stated that he wants the committee to move forward and become a pro-active committee. He put together a list of many tasks that have come out of meetings over the past year and shared with the committee. The committee members were reminded that the AWC is an extension of City Council and we need to request any changes before City Council in order to have them adopted by the City. The committee is also there to work with and support Ms. Cooper, the Animal Control Officer and she is to be supportive of the committee, but she does not manage the committee. Mr. Brennan understands that communication is a concern and he will address it with Ms. Cooper.

The committee suggested that a water source, a better heating system, continuous water bowl, non-tip bowls, cat litter pans with tops, and timers on the lights are needed for the shelter. Mr. Ryan suggested that these ideas should be discussed with Ms. Cooper and a list of recommendations should be presented to City Council as there is a budget for the shelter.

7. Mr. Ryan announced that a \$5K grant is being received from Prince Georges County to be used for Animal Control/Animal Welfare. Mr. Brennan stated that the committees should come to the September meeting with suggestions for what to spend the grant money.
8. Mr. Ryan also suggested that the committee take a tour of the Prince Georges County animal shelter in Upper Marlboro. He also discussed that there is a proposal for a North County shelter which would include College Park, Greenbelt, New Carrollton, and Berwyn Heights. There will be a Stakeholder’s Meeting and the AWC is invited to attend this meeting. Mr. Ryan will ensure that the committee is notified of the date.
9. College Park does not support the TNR program for cats. The question was raised as to whether or not the AWC can work with a TNR group to do a workshop. Mr. Ryan suggested that the City Attorney be consulted.
10. College Park Day is Saturday, September 26 from 11am-3pm at Paint Branch Parkway. The AWC will have a table and volunteers will be needed.
11. It was suggested that Ms. Cooper attend the Civic Association meetings to introduce herself, what she does for the animals, and how residents can assist in animal welfare/control. There should also be materials for Ms. Cooper to distribute.

12. Ms. Donaty wanted to know at what point to you need to have a hobby permit. The response was four or more animals.
13. FYI – The new City Manager, Scott Summers, will begin on September 28. He will be attending committee meetings throughout October and November.
14. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24 at 7:00pm in Davis Hall. There will be recommendations made for the November and December meetings since both fall on holidays.

Ms. Bellamy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gales seconded the motion. All in favor; no opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.